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**AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND MINOR  
CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES  
AND THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY LICENSES, OPERATION OF  
GOLF CARTS AND A STUDY OF THE LIMITED LICENSE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-11b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (a) There shall be within the Department of Rehabilitation Services a  
5 unit for the purpose of evaluating and training persons with  
6 disabilities in the operation of motor vehicles. There shall be assigned  
7 to the driver training unit for persons with disabilities such staff as is  
8 necessary for the orderly administration of the driver training program  
9 for persons with disabilities. The personnel assigned to the driver  
10 training unit for persons with disabilities shall, while engaged in the  
11 evaluation or instruction of a person with disabilities, have the  
12 authority and immunities with respect to such activities as are granted  
13 under the general statutes to motor vehicle inspectors. The  
14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit a person whose license  
15 has been withdrawn as a result of a condition that makes such person  
16 eligible for evaluation and training under this section to operate a  
17 motor vehicle while accompanied by personnel assigned to the driver

18 training unit for persons with disabilities. When a person with  
19 disabilities has successfully completed the driver training program for  
20 persons with disabilities, the [department] Department of  
21 Rehabilitation Services shall certify such completion in writing to the  
22 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall recommend any license  
23 restrictions or limitations to be placed on the license of such person.  
24 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may accept such certification in  
25 lieu of the driving skills portion of the examination prescribed under  
26 subsection (e) of section 14-36. If such person with disabilities has met  
27 all other requirements for obtaining a license, the Commissioner of  
28 Motor Vehicles shall issue a license with such restrictions  
29 recommended by the [department] Department of Rehabilitation  
30 Services.

31 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-15 of the general statutes is  
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
33 *1, 2015*):

34 (b) Each person, firm or corporation licensed under the provisions  
35 of subsection (a) of this section that in the opinion of the commissioner  
36 is qualified and holds a current registration certificate for a motor  
37 vehicle used in connection with its business may issue a sixty-day  
38 temporary transfer of such registration to any other vehicle used in  
39 connection with its business. [with an official stamp issued by the  
40 commissioner to such licensee.] The licensee, within five days from the  
41 issuance of such temporary registration, shall submit to the  
42 commissioner an application together with all necessary documents  
43 for a permanent registration for the vehicle transferred. The  
44 commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the  
45 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this  
46 subsection.

47 Sec. 3. Section 14-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

49 (a) A commercial driver's license issued in accordance with section

50 14-44c, as amended by this act, shall be designated as class A, B or C, in  
51 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 14-44d. All  
52 other operators' licenses shall be designated as class D. A license of any  
53 class that also authorizes the operation of a motorcycle shall contain  
54 the designation "M".

55 (b) [A commercial driver's license which contains the endorsement  
56 "S" evidences that the holder meets the requirements of section 14-44 to  
57 operate a school bus or any vehicle described in subsection (c) of this  
58 section.] A commercial driver's license may contain any of the  
59 following [additional] endorsements:

60 "P"- authorizes the operation of commercial motor vehicles designed  
61 to carry passengers;

62 "S"- in combination with "P", authorizes the operation of a school  
63 bus or any vehicle described in subsection (c) of this section;

64 "H"- authorizes the operation of vehicles transporting hazardous  
65 materials;

66 "N"- authorizes the operation of tank vehicles;

67 "X"- authorizes both hazardous materials and tank vehicles; and

68 "T"- authorizes the operation of vehicles with up to three trailing,  
69 nonpower units.

70 The commissioner may establish one or more restrictions on  
71 commercial driver's licenses of any class, in regulations adopted in  
72 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Subject to the provisions  
73 of subsection (b) of section 14-44d, a commercial driver's license of any  
74 class authorizes the holder of such license to operate any motor vehicle  
75 that may be operated by the holder of a class D operator's license.

76 (c) A commercial driver's license or a class D license that contains  
77 any of the following public passenger endorsements, as defined in

78 section 14-1, evidences that the holder meets the requirements of  
79 section 14-44, as amended by this act:

80 "V"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in a student  
81 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, or any vehicle that  
82 requires an "A" or "F" endorsement;

83 "A"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in an activity  
84 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, or any vehicle that requires an "F"  
85 endorsement; and

86 "F"- authorizes the transportation of passengers in a taxicab, motor  
87 vehicle in livery service, service bus or motor bus.

88 The commissioner may establish one or more endorsements or  
89 restrictions on class D licenses, in accordance with regulations adopted  
90 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

91 (d) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q" indicates  
92 eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall signify  
93 that the holder has been trained to operate fire apparatus in  
94 accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire  
95 Prevention and Control. No such endorsement shall be issued to any  
96 person until he or she demonstrates personally to the commissioner, or  
97 the commissioner's designee, including the Connecticut Fire Academy,  
98 any regional fire school or the chief local fire official of any  
99 municipality as defined in section 7-323j, by means of testing in a  
100 representative vehicle that such person possesses the skills necessary  
101 for operation of fire apparatus.

102 (e) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in violation of the  
103 classification of the license issued to such person.

104 (f) No employer shall knowingly require or permit an employee  
105 who is acting within the scope of such employee's employment to  
106 operate a motor vehicle in violation of the classification of such  
107 employee's license.

108 (g) (1) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (e) of  
109 this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have committed an  
110 infraction and be fined fifty dollars and, for a subsequent offense, be  
111 guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

112 (2) Any employer who violates subsection (f) of this section shall be  
113 subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for a  
114 first violation and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars  
115 for a second or subsequent violation.

116 (h) The revocation, suspension or withdrawal of, or refusal to issue  
117 or renew an "S" endorsement, or any endorsement described in  
118 subsection (c) of this section, shall prohibit the licensee from operating  
119 any public service passenger vehicle for which a public passenger  
120 endorsement is required under this section. During the period of such  
121 revocation, suspension or withdrawal of, or after a refusal to issue or  
122 renew an "S" endorsement, or any endorsement described in  
123 subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall not issue any  
124 other public passenger endorsement to such licensee.

125 Sec. 4. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

127 (a) The commissioner may acquire, by lease or purchase, and install  
128 at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and at such other  
129 locations where operator's licenses are issued or renewed, such  
130 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
131 chapter.

132 (b) The commissioner may provide for the renewal of any motor  
133 vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity card  
134 without personal appearance of the license or card holder, in  
135 circumstances where the holder is a member of the armed forces, is  
136 temporarily residing outside of this state for business or educational  
137 purposes, or in other circumstances where, in the judgment of the  
138 commissioner, such personal appearance would be impractical or pose

139 a significant hardship. The commissioner shall decline to issue any  
140 such renewal without personal appearance if the commissioner is not  
141 satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot personally appear,  
142 if the commissioner does not have the applicant's color photograph or  
143 digital image on file, if satisfactory evidence of the identity of the  
144 applicant has not been presented, or if the commissioner has reason to  
145 believe that the applicant is no longer a legal resident of this state.

146 (c) The commissioner may issue or renew any license, any  
147 instruction permit or an identity card issued or renewed pursuant to  
148 this title or section 1-1h by any method that the commissioner deems  
149 to be secure and efficient. If the commissioner determines that an  
150 applicant has met all conditions for such issuance or renewal, the  
151 commissioner may require that such license, instruction permit or  
152 identity card be produced at a centralized location and mailed to the  
153 applicant. The commissioner may issue a temporary license,  
154 instruction permit or identity card for use by the applicant for the  
155 period prior to the applicant's receipt of the permanent license,  
156 instruction permit or identity card. Such temporary license, instruction  
157 permit or identity card shall have an expiration date not later than  
158 thirty days after the date of issuance and shall remain valid until the  
159 earlier of such expiration date or the date the applicant receives such  
160 license, instruction permit or identity card.

161 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide for the  
162 renewal of the motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's  
163 license or identity card of any person not identified in subsection (b) of  
164 this section by mail or by electronic communication with the  
165 Department of Motor Vehicles.

166 Sec. 5. Section 14-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
167 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

168 (a) (1) No person shall operate a commercial motor vehicle used for  
169 passenger transportation on any public highway of this state until such  
170 person has obtained a commercial driver's license with a public

171 passenger endorsement, as defined in section 14-1, from the  
172 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, except a nonresident who holds such  
173 license with such endorsement issued by another state. (2) No person  
174 shall operate a school bus until such person has obtained a commercial  
175 driver's license with a school bus endorsement, except that a person  
176 who holds such a license without such endorsements may operate a  
177 school bus without passengers for the purpose of road testing or  
178 moving the vehicle. (3) No person shall operate a student  
179 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, taxicab, motor  
180 vehicle in livery service, motor bus or service bus until such person has  
181 obtained an operator's license of the proper classification bearing an  
182 appropriate public passenger endorsement from the Commissioner of  
183 Motor Vehicles, issued in accordance with the provisions of this  
184 section and section 14-36a, as amended by this act, except that a person  
185 who holds an operator's license without such endorsement may  
186 operate any such vehicle without passengers for the purpose of road  
187 testing or moving the vehicle.

188 (b) No operator's license bearing [an] a public passenger  
189 endorsement shall be issued or renewed in accordance with the  
190 provisions of this section or section 14-36a, as amended by this act,  
191 until the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's  
192 authorized representative, is satisfied that the applicant is a proper  
193 person to receive such an operator's license bearing an endorsement,  
194 holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license, or, if necessary for the  
195 class of vehicle operated, a commercial driver's license and is at least  
196 eighteen years of age. Each applicant for an operator's license bearing  
197 [an] a public passenger endorsement or the renewal of such a license  
198 shall furnish the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the  
199 commissioner's authorized representative, with satisfactory evidence,  
200 under oath, to prove that such person has no criminal record and has  
201 not been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of section 14-227a  
202 within five years of the date of application and that no reason exists for  
203 a refusal to grant or renew such an operator's license bearing [an] a  
204 public passenger endorsement. Each applicant for such an operator's

205 license bearing [an] a public passenger endorsement shall submit with  
206 the application proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of Motor  
207 Vehicles that such applicant has passed a physical examination  
208 administered not more than ninety days prior to the date of  
209 application, and which is in compliance with safety regulations  
210 established from time to time by the United States Department of  
211 Transportation. Each applicant for renewal of such license shall  
212 present evidence that such applicant is in compliance with the medical  
213 qualifications established in 49 CFR 391, as amended, provided an  
214 applicant for a Class D operator's license bearing an endorsement  
215 described in subsection (c) of section 14-36a, as amended by this act,  
216 shall be deemed medically qualified if such applicant (1) controls with  
217 medication, as certified by a licensed physician, a medical condition  
218 that would otherwise deem such applicant not medically qualified,  
219 and (2) would qualify for a waiver or exemption under 49 CFR 391, as  
220 amended. Each applicant for such an operator's license bearing [an] a  
221 public passenger endorsement shall be fingerprinted before the license  
222 bearing [an] a public passenger endorsement is issued.

223 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue, withhold,  
224 renew, suspend, cancel or revoke any public passenger endorsement  
225 required to operate a motor vehicle that transports passengers, as  
226 provided in subsection (c) of section 14-36a, as amended by this act.  
227 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, in making his or her  
228 decision, consider the age, accident and criminal record, moral  
229 character and physical condition of any such applicant or public  
230 passenger endorsement holder and such other matters as the  
231 commissioner may determine. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
232 may require any such applicant or public passenger endorsement  
233 holder to furnish the statements of two or more reputable citizens,  
234 which may be required to be under oath, vouching for the good  
235 character or other qualifications of the applicant or public passenger  
236 endorsement holder.

237 (d) Upon the arrest of any person who holds an operator's license



238 bearing a public passenger endorsement, as defined in section 14-1,  
239 and who is charged with a felony or violation of section 53a-73a, the  
240 arresting officer or department, within forty-eight hours, shall cause a  
241 report of such arrest to be made to the Commissioner of Motor  
242 Vehicles. The report shall be made on a form approved by said  
243 commissioner containing such information as the commissioner  
244 prescribes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt  
245 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
246 provisions of this subsection.

247 (e) Prior to issuing an operator's license bearing a school  
248 endorsement or bearing the appropriate type of public passenger  
249 endorsement for operation of a student transportation vehicle  
250 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the  
251 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall require each applicant to submit  
252 to state and national criminal history records checks, conducted in  
253 accordance with section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse  
254 and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The  
255 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall  
256 complete such state and national criminal history records checks  
257 required pursuant to this section within sixty days of receiving such a  
258 request for a check of such records. If notice of a state or national  
259 criminal history record is received, the Commissioner of Motor  
260 Vehicles may, subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, refuse to issue  
261 an operator's license bearing such public passenger endorsement and,  
262 in such case, shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, of such  
263 refusal. If notification that the applicant is listed as a perpetrator of  
264 abuse on the state child abuse and neglect registry established  
265 pursuant to section 17a-101k is received, the Commissioner of Motor  
266 Vehicles may refuse to issue an operator's license bearing such [an]  
267 public passenger endorsement and, in such case, shall immediately  
268 notify the applicant, in writing, of such refusal. The Commissioner of  
269 Motor Vehicles shall not issue a temporary operator's license bearing a  
270 school endorsement or bearing the appropriate type of public  
271 passenger endorsement for operation of a student transportation

272 vehicle.

273 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the  
274 commissioner shall not issue an operator's license bearing [an] a public  
275 passenger endorsement to transport passengers who are students, and  
276 shall suspend any such public passenger endorsement that has been  
277 issued, to any person who has been convicted of a serious criminal  
278 offense, as determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or  
279 convicted of any provision of federal law or the law of any other state,  
280 the violation of which involves conduct that is substantially similar to  
281 a violation determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to be a  
282 serious criminal offense, if any part of the sentence of such conviction  
283 has not been completed, or has been completed during the preceding  
284 five years. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt  
285 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
286 provisions of this subsection.

287 (g) Any applicant who is refused an operator's license bearing [an] a  
288 public passenger endorsement or the renewal of such a license, or  
289 whose operator's license bearing [an] a public passenger endorsement  
290 or the renewal of such a license is withdrawn or revoked on account of  
291 a criminal record, shall be entitled to a hearing if requested in writing  
292 within twenty days. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance  
293 with the requirements of chapter 54 and the applicant may appeal  
294 from the final decision rendered therein in accordance with section 4-  
295 183.

296 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-10, the  
297 commissioner shall furnish to any board of education or to any public  
298 or private organization that is actively engaged in providing public  
299 transportation, including the transportation of school children, a report  
300 containing the names and motor vehicle operator license numbers of  
301 each person who has been issued an operator's license with one or  
302 more public passenger endorsements, authorizing such person to  
303 transport passengers in accordance with the provisions of section 14-  
304 36a, as amended by this act, but whose license or any such public

305 passenger endorsement has been withdrawn, suspended or revoked  
306 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the  
307 provisions of this section, or any other provision of this title. The  
308 report shall be issued and updated periodically in accordance with a  
309 schedule to be established by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.  
310 Such report may be transmitted or otherwise made available to  
311 authorized recipients by electronic means.

312 (i) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

313 Sec. 6. Section 14-44c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

315 (a) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercial  
316 driver's instruction permit, shall include the following:

317 (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of the  
318 person;

319 (2) A physical description of the person, including sex, height and  
320 eye color;

321 (3) Date of birth;

322 (4) The applicant's Social Security number;

323 (5) The person's statement, under oath, that [he] such person meets  
324 the requirements for qualification contained in 49 CFR 391, as  
325 amended, or does not expect to operate in interstate or foreign  
326 commerce;

327 (6) The person's statement, under oath, that the type of vehicle in  
328 which the person has taken or intends to take the driving skills test is  
329 representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or  
330 intends to operate;

331 (7) The person's statement, under oath, that [he] such person is not  
332 subject to disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of

333 operating privileges in any state, and that he or she does not hold an  
334 operator's license in any other state;

335 (8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has  
336 been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten  
337 years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not  
338 hold an operator's license in any other state; and

339 (9) The person's signature, and certification of the accuracy and  
340 completeness of the application, subject to the penalties of false  
341 statement under section 53a-157b. The application shall be  
342 accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 14-44h.

343 (b) No person who has been a resident of this state for thirty days  
344 may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a  
345 commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

346 (c) At the time of application for a commercial driver's license, the  
347 applicant shall make the applicable certification, as required by 49 CFR  
348 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in which such person shall  
349 engage. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to a person who  
350 fails to make such certification.

351 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person  
352 who knowingly falsifies information or certifications required under  
353 subsection (a) of this section shall have [his] such person's operator's  
354 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended  
355 for sixty days.

356 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is  
357 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
358 *1, 2015*):

359 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a commercial driver's license or  
360 a commercial driver's instruction permit to any [person who has a  
361 physical or psychobehavioral impairment that affects such person's  
362 ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle safely. In determining

363 whether to issue a commercial driver's license in any individual case,  
364 the commissioner shall apply the standards set forth in 49 CFR 391.41,  
365 as amended.] applicant who is not physically qualified and medically  
366 certified in accordance with the standards in 49 CFR 391.41. As  
367 required by 49 CFR 383.71(h), each applicant for a commercial driver's  
368 license or commercial driver's instruction permit shall provide to the  
369 commissioner a copy of a medical examiner's certificate, prepared by a  
370 medical examiner, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, indicating that such  
371 applicant is medically certified to operate a commercial motor vehicle.  
372 For each applicant who has submitted such medical certification and  
373 who has also certified, in accordance with 49 CFR 383.71(b) and  
374 subsection (c) of section 14-44c, as amended by this act, that such  
375 applicant operates in nonexcepted interstate commerce, the  
376 commissioner shall post a medical certification status of "certified" on  
377 the Commercial Driver's License Information System driver record for  
378 such applicant. The holder of a commercial driver's license who has  
379 not been examined and certified as qualified to operate a commercial  
380 motor vehicle during the preceding twenty-four months, or a shorter  
381 period as indicated by the medical examiner submitting such  
382 certificate, shall be required to submit a new medical certificate. The  
383 commissioner shall not issue a commercial driver's license or  
384 commercial driver's instruction permit to any applicant or holder who  
385 fails to submit the medical certification required by this section. If the  
386 holder of a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's  
387 instruction permit fails to submit a new medical examiner's certificate  
388 before the expiration of twenty-four months or the period specified by  
389 the medical examiner, whichever is shorter, the commissioner shall,  
390 not later than sixty days after the date that such holder's medical status  
391 becomes uncertified: (1) Downgrade the commercial driver's license to  
392 a Class D operator's license; or (2) cancel the commercial driver's  
393 instruction permit. Any [person] applicant or holder who is denied a  
394 commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction  
395 permit, or whose license or permit is disqualified, suspended, revoked  
396 or cancelled pursuant to this subsection shall be granted an  
397 opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter

398 54.

399 Sec. 8. Subsection (h) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is  
400 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
401 *1, 2015*):

402 (h) (1) The commissioner shall deny or disqualify for a period of  
403 sixty days a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial  
404 driver's license if it is determined that an applicant or holder has  
405 provided false information on any certification the applicant or holder  
406 is required to give relative to such permit or license application.

407 (2) If an applicant or holder is suspected of fraud related to the  
408 issuance of a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial  
409 driver's license, such applicant or holder shall be required to schedule  
410 the commercial driver's license knowledge test and driving skills test  
411 not later than thirty days after notification by the commissioner of the  
412 suspected fraud. Failure to schedule both such tests or failure to pass  
413 both such tests shall result in disqualification of such permit or license  
414 and the applicant or holder shall be required to reapply for the permit  
415 or license.

416 (3) Any applicant or holder convicted of fraud related to the  
417 issuance of a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial  
418 driver's license shall have such applicant's or holder's permit or license  
419 disqualified for one year from the date of conviction and shall be  
420 required to retake such tests.

421 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 14-44g of the general statutes is  
422 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
423 *1, 2015*):

424 (d) Each person applying for the renewal of a commercial driver's  
425 license shall complete a renewal application form providing an update  
426 and, if necessary, corrections to the information required on the  
427 original application, pursuant to section 14-44c, as amended by this  
428 act. If an applicant for renewal wishes to retain a hazardous materials

429 endorsement, he or she must pass the written test for such  
430 endorsement, and must meet the requirements of subsection (d) of  
431 section 14-44e. Upon renewal of a commercial driver's license, and at  
432 such other times as required in 49 CFR 383.71, the holder of a  
433 commercial driver's license shall make the applicable certification, as  
434 required by 49 CFR 383.71(b), regarding the type of commerce in  
435 which such holder is engaged. The commissioner shall refuse to renew  
436 the commercial driver's license of any holder who fails to make such  
437 certification, and shall downgrade the commercial driver's license to a  
438 Class D operator's license not later than sixty days after the failure of  
439 such holder to so certify.

440 Sec. 10. Section 14-46b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
441 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

442 (a) There is established within the department a Motor Vehicle  
443 Operator's License Medical Advisory Board which shall advise the  
444 commissioner on the medical aspects and concerns of licensing  
445 operators of motor vehicles. The board shall consist of not less than  
446 eight members or more than fifteen members appointed by the  
447 commissioner from a list of nominees submitted by the Connecticut  
448 State Medical Society, [and] the Connecticut Association of  
449 Optometrists, and such other professional medical associations or  
450 organizations that have as members physician assistants or advanced  
451 practice registered nurses. The Connecticut State Medical Society and  
452 such other organizations shall submit nominees representing the  
453 specialties of (1) general medicine or surgery, (2) internal medicine, (3)  
454 cardiovascular medicine, (4) neurology or neurological surgery, (5)  
455 ophthalmology, (6) orthopedics, [and] (7) psychiatry, and (8)  
456 occupational medicine. The Connecticut Association of Optometrists  
457 shall submit nominees representing the specialty of optometry.

458 (b) Initially, three members shall be appointed for a two-year term,  
459 three members for a three-year term and the remainder of the  
460 members for a four-year term. Appointments thereafter shall be for  
461 four-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the commissioner for

462 the unexpired portion of a term. The commissioner shall designate the  
463 chairman of the board.

464 (c) Board members shall serve without compensation but shall be  
465 reimbursed for necessary expenses or services incurred in performing  
466 their duties, including the giving of testimony at any administrative  
467 hearing when requested by the commissioner. [Physicians] Medical  
468 professionals who are not members of the board and conduct  
469 examinations at the request of the board shall be compensated for  
470 these examinations.

471 (d) The board shall meet at the call of the commissioner at least  
472 [twice a year] annually. Special meetings may be held to fulfill the  
473 responsibilities specified in section 14-46c, as amended by this act.

474 (e) Any meeting of the board in which the medical condition of any  
475 individual is discussed for purposes of making a recommendation on  
476 his or her fitness to operate a motor vehicle shall be held in executive  
477 session.

478 (f) As used in this section and section 14-46c, as amended by this act,  
479 "medical professional" means a licensed physician, physician assistant,  
480 advanced practice registered nurse or optometrist.

481 Sec. 11. Section 14-46c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
482 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

483 The board shall have the following responsibilities: (1) To advise the  
484 commissioner on health standards relating to the safe operation of  
485 motor vehicles; (2) to recommend to the commissioner procedures and  
486 guidelines for licensing individuals with impaired health; (3) to assist  
487 in developing medically acceptable standardized report forms; (4) to  
488 recommend a training course for motor vehicle examiners on the  
489 medical aspects of operator licensure; (5) to undertake any programs  
490 and activities the commissioner may request relating to the medical  
491 aspects of motor vehicle operator licensure; and (6) to make  
492 recommendations and offer advice on individual health problem cases



referred by the commissioner not later than sixty days from the date of such reference and to establish guidelines for dealing with such individual cases. In making such recommendations, the board may rely on medical or optometric records and reports, personally interview such individual or require a physical examination of such individual and a written medical report by a [physician or a report by an optometrist] medical professional, as defined in section 14-46b, as amended by this act, designated by the board who shall not be a member of the board. Such individual may obtain a medical report by a [physician or a report by an optometrist of his choice, licensed to practice in this state] licensed medical professional of such individual's choice, which shall be given due consideration by the board in making any such recommendations.

Sec. 12. Section 14-46e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(a) The commissioner shall give due consideration to any recommendations of the board and to any reports, records or opinions submitted pursuant to sections 14-46a to 14-46g, inclusive, but such recommendations, reports, records or opinions shall be merely advisory and not binding on the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner may authorize a person whose license is withdrawn under sections 14-46a to 14-46g, inclusive, to operate a motor vehicle on a limited basis provided the following conditions are met: (1) The commissioner, after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54, determines that such person does not have a health problem that affects such person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle and has ordered that such person submit to and pass a road skills test as a condition of license reinstatement; and (2) such operation occurs only while the person is under the instruction of and accompanied by a driving instructor licensed under section 14-73, or is in a vehicle with a motor vehicle testing agent who is administering a road skills test.

525       [(b)] (c) Any person who is the subject of any inquiry under sections  
526 14-46a to 14-46g, inclusive, who refuses to submit to a physical  
527 examination or provide other information requested by the  
528 commissioner or board shall be considered unfit to operate a motor  
529 vehicle until he or she complies with such request.

530       Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 14-47 of the general statutes is  
531 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
532 *1, 2015*):

533       (a) The commissioner shall determine the gross weight of each  
534 motor vehicle which is eligible for commercial registration, including  
535 each tractor equipped with rubber tires and, for the purpose of  
536 computing fees, gross weight shall be the weight of the vehicle in  
537 pounds plus the rated load capacity in pounds as determined by the  
538 commissioner. [, provided, in the case of a tractor restricted for use  
539 with a trailer, registered as a heavy duty trailer, the fee shall be based  
540 on the gross weight of the tractor which shall be the light weight of  
541 such tractor; and said] The commissioner shall collect fees for  
542 registration based on such gross weight, as follows: When all surfaces  
543 in contact with the ground are equipped with pneumatic tires, the fee  
544 for such motor vehicle or tractor of gross weight not exceeding twenty  
545 thousand pounds shall be eleven dollars and sixty cents, for each one  
546 thousand pounds or fraction thereof; from twenty thousand one  
547 pounds up to and including thirty thousand pounds, fourteen dollars  
548 and twenty cents, for each one thousand pounds or fraction thereof;  
549 from thirty thousand one pounds up to and including seventy-three  
550 thousand pounds, seventeen dollars and seventy cents, for each one  
551 thousand pounds or fraction thereof; and seventy-three thousand one  
552 pounds or more, nineteen dollars and twenty cents, for each one  
553 thousand pounds or fraction thereof. In addition to any other fee  
554 required under this subsection, a fee of ten dollars shall be collected for  
555 the registration of each motor vehicle subject to this subsection.

556       Sec. 14. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 14-50a of the  
557 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

558 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

559 (9) Certified transcripts of hearing held and transcribed by the  
560 commissioner, three dollars and fifty cents per page with a minimum  
561 charge of twenty dollars.

562 Sec. 15. Subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 14-52 of the  
563 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
564 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

565 (5) The commissioner shall assess [a] an administrative fee of fifty  
566 dollars against any licensee for failing to [continuously maintain the  
567 bond requirements of this subsection] provide proof of bond renewal  
568 or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of the existing  
569 bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or  
570 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is  
571 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

572 Sec. 16. Subsection (c) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is  
573 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
574 *1, 2015*):

575 (c) Registration certificates issued under the provisions of this  
576 section shall not be required to be carried upon such motor vehicles  
577 when upon the public highways as required under subsection (a) of  
578 section 14-13, except that the licensee shall issue to each person driving  
579 such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly  
580 entrusted with such vehicle which document shall be carried in the  
581 motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and  
582 contents of this document. Legible photostatic copies of such  
583 registration certificates may be carried in such vehicles as proof of  
584 ownership. The licensee shall furnish financial responsibility  
585 satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112, as  
586 amended by this act, provided such financial responsibility shall not be  
587 required from a licensee when the commissioner finds that the licensee  
588 is of sufficient financial responsibility to meet such legal liability. The

589 commissioner may issue such license upon presentation of evidence of  
590 such financial responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner. The  
591 commissioner shall assess [a] an administrative fee of fifty dollars  
592 against any licensee for failing to [continuously maintain the financial  
593 responsibility requirements of this subsection] provide proof of policy  
594 or bond renewal or replacement on or before the expiration date of the  
595 existing policy or bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license  
596 suspension or revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the  
597 licensee is subject pursuant to section 14-64.

598 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is  
599 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
600 *1, 2015*):

601 (a) Any dealer licensed under the provisions of this subpart who in  
602 the opinion of the commissioner is qualified and sells or trades a  
603 passenger motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial  
604 trailer, service bus, school bus or truck to a transferee who holds a  
605 current registration certificate for a passenger motor vehicle,  
606 motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer, service bus,  
607 school bus or truck registered in this state may issue a sixty-day  
608 temporary transfer of such registration to the vehicle transferred. [with  
609 an official stamp issued by the commissioner, under regulations  
610 adopted by the commissioner, to such dealer.] The commissioner shall  
611 charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new temporary dealer  
612 transfer form furnished for the purposes of this section. No dealer may  
613 make such temporary transfer of a registration unless the transferee  
614 surrenders the current registration certificate to the dealer indicating  
615 the disposition of the vehicle described thereon in the space provided  
616 on the reverse side of such certificate and unless the transferee is  
617 eighteen years of age or older. The dealer shall, within five days from  
618 the issuance of such temporary registration, submit to the  
619 commissioner an application together with all necessary documents  
620 for a permanent registration for the vehicle transferred. No such  
621 temporary registration may be issued if (1) the transferred passenger

622 motor vehicle, motorcycle, camper, camp trailer, commercial trailer,  
623 service bus, school bus or truck is used and was not previously  
624 registered in this state, unless the inspection requirements of section  
625 14-12 have been met, (2) such motor vehicle is ten or more years old,  
626 unless the inspection requirements of section 14-16a have been met, or  
627 (3) such motor vehicle has been declared a total loss by an insurance  
628 company, unless the inspection requirements of section 14-103a have  
629 been met.

630 Sec. 18. Section 14-96p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
631 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

632 [(a) (1) No person shall display upon any motor vehicle any light  
633 visible from the front thereof other than white, yellow or amber, or any  
634 light other than red, yellow, amber or white visible from the rear  
635 thereof, except a light used with any school bus, without a special  
636 permit from the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of  
637 subsection (c) of section 14-96q. Notwithstanding this subsection, no  
638 permit shall be required for motor vehicles that are (A) equipped with  
639 lights in accordance with this section and section 14-96q, (B) owned or  
640 leased by the federal government, the state of Connecticut or a  
641 Connecticut municipality, (C) registered to such governmental entity,  
642 and (D) displaying government plates.

643 (2) Any vehicle accommodating fifteen or fewer students with  
644 disabilities may use a flashing red light or lights during the time such  
645 vehicle is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging such  
646 students with disabilities, any motor bus may carry a purple light or  
647 lights, any interstate public service vehicle may carry a green light or  
648 lights, any taxicab may carry a lunar white light or lights, and any  
649 interstate commercial motor vehicle may display green identification  
650 lights, in front thereof, as the commissioner may permit.

651 (3) A vehicle being operated by the chief executive officer of an  
652 emergency medical service organization, as defined in section 19a-175,  
653 the first or second deputies, or if there are no deputies, the first or

654 second assistants, of such an organization that is a municipal or  
655 volunteer or licensed organization, an ambulance, as defined in section  
656 19a-175, a vehicle being operated by a local fire marshal or a local  
657 director of emergency management may use a flashing red light or  
658 lights or flashing white head lamps and a flashing amber light while  
659 on the way to the scene of an emergency, except that an ambulance  
660 may use flashing lights of other colors specified by federal  
661 requirements for the manufacture of such vehicle. The chief executive  
662 officer of each such organization shall provide annually during the  
663 month of January, on forms provided by the commissioner, such  
664 officer's name and address and the registration number on the number  
665 plate or plates of the vehicle on which the authorized red light is or  
666 white head lamps and amber light are to be used. A vehicle being  
667 operated by a member of a volunteer fire department or company or a  
668 volunteer emergency medical technician may use flashing white head  
669 lamps, provided such member or emergency medical technician is on  
670 the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency and has received  
671 written authorization from the chief law enforcement officer of the  
672 municipality to use such head lamps. Such head lamps shall only be  
673 used within the municipality granting such authorization or from a  
674 personal residence or place of employment, if located in an adjoining  
675 municipality. Such authorization may be revoked for use of such head  
676 lamps in violation of this subdivision.

677 (4) Flashing or revolving white lights may not be displayed upon a  
678 motor vehicle except (A) on fire emergency apparatus, (B) on motor  
679 vehicles of paid fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to a  
680 total of five individuals per department, and may be displayed in  
681 combination with flashing or revolving red lights, (C) on motor  
682 vehicles of volunteer fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to  
683 a total of five individuals per department, and may be displayed in  
684 combination with flashing or revolving red lights, (D) as a means of  
685 indicating a right or left turn, (E) in conjunction with flashing red  
686 lights on an ambulance responding to an emergency call, or (F) on the  
687 top rear of any school bus. For the purpose of this subsection, the term

688 "students with disabilities" means students who have intellectual  
689 disability, autism spectrum disorder, mental disability, visual  
690 impairment, blindness, hearing impairment, deafness, speech  
691 impairment, orthopedic impairment, or another health-impairment,  
692 who by reason thereof, require special education and related services;  
693 and the term "flashing white lights" shall not include the simultaneous  
694 flashing of head lamps.

695 (b) A blue light may not be illuminated upon a motor vehicle, except  
696 that a vehicle being operated by an active member of a volunteer fire  
697 department or company or an active member of an organized civil  
698 preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been authorized in  
699 writing by the chief executive officer of such department or company  
700 may use such a light, including a flashing blue light, while on the way  
701 to the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring his or her services.  
702 Such authorization may be revoked by such officer or his or her  
703 successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer fire department  
704 or company or organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company  
705 shall certify annually during the month of January, on forms provided  
706 by the commissioner, the names and addresses of members whom he  
707 or she has authorized to use a blue light as provided in this subsection.  
708 Such listing shall also designate the registration number on the  
709 number plate or plates of the vehicle on which the authorized blue  
710 light is to be used.

711 (c) A flashing green light may not be used upon a motor vehicle,  
712 except that a vehicle being operated by an active member of a  
713 volunteer ambulance association or company who has been authorized  
714 in writing by the chief executive officer of such association or company  
715 may use such a light while on the way to the scene of an emergency  
716 requiring his or her services. Such authorization may be revoked by  
717 such officer or his or her successor. The chief executive officer of each  
718 volunteer ambulance association or company shall certify annually  
719 during the month of January, on forms provided by the commissioner,  
720 the names and addresses of members whom he or she has authorized

721 to use a green light as provided in this subsection. Such listing shall  
722 also designate the registration number on the number plate or plates of  
723 the vehicle on which the authorized green light is to be used.

724 (d) Use of lights except as authorized by this section shall be an  
725 infraction.]

726 (a) Except as provided in section 14-96q, as amended by this act, no  
727 person shall display upon any motor vehicle or equipment: (1) Any  
728 light visible from the front of such motor vehicle or equipment other  
729 than white, yellow or amber; (2) any light visible from the rear of such  
730 motor vehicle or equipment other than red, yellow, amber or white; or  
731 (3) any red light visible from directly in front of the center of such  
732 motor vehicle or equipment. Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
733 subsection, a taxicab shall display the dome light or lights required by  
734 regulations that have been adopted by the Commissioner of  
735 Transportation under the authority of section 13b-96.

736 (b) Except as provided in section 14-96q, as amended by this act,  
737 flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles, except: (1) Red and  
738 yellow lights when used for the purpose of receiving or discharging  
739 students on school buses; (2) white lights that are located on the top  
740 rear of school buses; (3) when such lights are used as a means for  
741 indicating a right or left turn; or (4) when such lights are used in any  
742 manner to indicate (A) a disabled vehicle that is stopped in a  
743 hazardous location on the highway, or in close proximity thereto, (B) a  
744 motor vehicle that is unable to maintain the minimum speed of forty  
745 miles per hour on a limited access divided highway because of the  
746 grade of such highway, (C) a motor vehicle that is operating at such  
747 slow speed as to obstruct or endanger following traffic on any  
748 highway, or (D) a student transportation vehicle, as defined in section  
749 14-212, accommodating fifteen or fewer students with disabilities that  
750 is receiving or discharging such students. For the purpose of this  
751 subsection, the term "students with disabilities" means students who  
752 have intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, mental  
753 disability, visual impairment, blindness, hearing impairment, deafness,



754 speech impairment, orthopedic impairment or another health  
755 impairment who, by reason thereof, require special education and  
756 related services.

757 (c) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle,  
758 other than head lamps, spot lamps or auxiliary driving lamps, that  
759 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred  
760 candle power shall be so directed that no part of the beam strikes the  
761 level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more  
762 than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

763 (d) Use of lights except as authorized by this section shall be an  
764 infraction.

765 Sec. 19. Section 14-96q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
766 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

767 [(a) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle,  
768 other than head lamps, spot lamps or auxiliary driving lamps, which  
769 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred  
770 candle power shall be so directed that no part of the beam will strike  
771 the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of  
772 more than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

773 (b) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon  
774 any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red light  
775 visible from directly in front of the center thereof. The provisions of  
776 this subsection and subsection (c) shall not apply to authorized  
777 emergency and maintenance vehicles.

778 (c) Flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles other than  
779 school buses, except (1) as a means for indicating a right or left turn, (2)  
780 flashing blue lights used by members of volunteer or civil  
781 preparedness fire companies, as provided by subsection (b) of section  
782 14-96p, (3) on certain emergency and maintenance vehicles by special  
783 permit from the commissioner, (4) flashing or revolving yellow lights  
784 on (A) wreckers registered pursuant to section 14-66, or (B) vehicles of

785 carriers in rural mail-delivery service or vehicles transporting or  
786 escorting any vehicle or load or combinations of vehicles or vehicles  
787 and load which is or are either oversize or overweight, or both, and  
788 operated or traveling under a permit issued by the Commissioner of  
789 Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, (5) flashing red lights (A) on  
790 a motor vehicle accommodating fifteen or fewer handicapped students  
791 used only during the time such vehicle is stopped for the purpose of  
792 receiving or discharging such handicapped students, (B) used by  
793 members of the fire police on a stationary vehicle as a warning signal  
794 during traffic directing operations at the scene of a fire, (C) on rescue  
795 vehicles, (D) used by chief executive officers of emergency medical  
796 service organizations as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-96p,  
797 (E) ambulances, as defined in section 19a-175, or (F) used by local fire  
798 marshals or directors of emergency management, (6) flashing green  
799 lights used by members of volunteer ambulance associations or  
800 companies as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-96p, or (7)  
801 flashing white lights or flashing lights of other colors specified by  
802 federal requirements for the manufacture of an ambulance used in  
803 conjunction with flashing red lights or flashing head lamps and a  
804 flashing amber light on an ambulance responding to an emergency  
805 call. The prohibitions in this section shall not prevent the operator of a  
806 motor vehicle who while traveling on a limited access divided  
807 highway, because of the grade, is unable to maintain the minimum  
808 speed of forty miles per hour, or who while traveling on any other  
809 highway is operating such motor vehicle at such slow speed as to  
810 obstruct or endanger following traffic, or the operator of a disabled  
811 vehicle stopped on a hazardous location on the highway, or in close  
812 proximity thereto, from flashing lights, installed on the vehicle  
813 primarily for other purposes, in any manner that the operator selects  
814 so as to indicate that such vehicle is traveling slowly, obstructing  
815 traffic or is disabled and is a hazard to be avoided. The commissioner  
816 is authorized, at such commissioner's discretion, to issue special  
817 permits for the use of flashing or revolving lights on emergency  
818 vehicles, on escort vehicles, on maintenance vehicles and on other  
819 vehicles that display lights for which a permit is required, in

820 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-96p,  
821 provided any person, firm or corporation other than the state or any  
822 metropolitan district, town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit  
823 fee for each such vehicle, provided vehicles not registered in this state  
824 used for transporting or escorting any vehicle or load or combinations  
825 of vehicles or vehicles and load which is or are either oversize or  
826 overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued by the  
827 Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270, shall not  
828 require such permit. Such annual permit fee shall be twenty dollars. If  
829 the commissioner issues a special permit to any ambulance, such  
830 permit shall be issued at the time of registration and of each renewal of  
831 registration.

832 (d) Use of lamps and flashing lights except as authorized by this  
833 section shall be an infraction.]

834 (a) A permit is required for the use of colored or flashing lights on  
835 all motor vehicles or equipment specified in this section except: (1)  
836 Motor vehicles not registered in this state used for transporting or  
837 escorting any vehicle or load, or combinations thereof, which is either  
838 oversize or overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued  
839 by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270; or  
840 (2) motor vehicles or equipment that are (A) equipped with lights in  
841 accordance with this section, (B) owned or leased by the federal  
842 government, the state of Connecticut, or any other state,  
843 commonwealth or local municipality, and (C) registered to such  
844 governmental entity. When used in this section the term "flashing"  
845 shall be considered to include the term "revolving".

846 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or such other person  
847 specifically identified in this section, is authorized to issue permits for  
848 the use of colored or flashing lights on vehicles in accordance with this  
849 section, at the commissioner's or such person's discretion. Any person,  
850 firm or corporation other than the state or any metropolitan district,  
851 town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit fee of twenty dollars  
852 to the commissioner for each such vehicle.

853       (c) A blue light or lights, including flashing blue lights, may be used  
854 on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a volunteer fire  
855 department or company or an active member of an organized civil  
856 preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been issued a permit by  
857 the chief executive officer of such department or company to use such  
858 a light while on the way to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency  
859 requiring such member's services. Such permit shall be on a form  
860 provided by the commissioner and may be revoked by such chief  
861 executive officer or successor. The chief executive officer of each  
862 volunteer fire department or company or organized civil preparedness  
863 auxiliary fire company shall keep on file the forms provided by the  
864 commissioner, the names and addresses of members who have been  
865 authorized to use flashing blue lights as provided in this subsection.  
866 Such listing shall also designate the registration number of the motor  
867 vehicle on which authorized flashing blue lights are to be used.

868       (d) A green light or lights, including flashing green lights, may be  
869 used on a motor vehicle operated by an active member of a volunteer  
870 ambulance association or company who has been issued a permit by  
871 the chief executive officer of such association or company to use such a  
872 light, while on the way to or at the scene of an emergency requiring  
873 such member's services. Such permit shall be on a form provided by  
874 the commissioner and may be revoked by such chief executive officer  
875 or successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer ambulance  
876 association or company shall keep on file on forms provided by the  
877 commissioner, the names and addresses of members who have been  
878 authorized to use flashing green lights as provided in this subsection.  
879 Such listing shall also designate the registration number of the vehicle  
880 on which the authorized flashing green lights are to be used.

881       (e) The commissioner may issue a permit for a red light or lights,  
882 including flashing red lights, which may be used on a motor vehicle or  
883 equipment (1) used by paid fire chiefs and their deputies and  
884 assistants, up to a total of five individuals per department, (2) used by  
885 volunteer fire chiefs and their deputies and assistants, up to a total of

886 five individuals per department, (3) used by members of the fire police  
887 on a stationary vehicle as a warning signal during traffic directing  
888 operations at the scene of a fire or emergency, (4) used by chief  
889 executive officers of emergency medical service organizations, as  
890 defined in section 19a-175, the first or second deputies, or if there are  
891 no deputies, the first or second assistants, of such an organization that  
892 is a municipal or volunteer or licensed organization, (5) used by local  
893 fire marshals, or (6) used by directors of emergency management.

894 (f) The commissioner may issue a permit for a yellow or amber light  
895 or lights, including flashing yellow or amber lights, which may be  
896 used on motor vehicles or equipment that are (1) specified in  
897 subsection (e) of this section, (2) maintenance vehicles as defined in  
898 section 14-1, or (3) vehicles transporting or escorting any vehicle or  
899 load or combinations thereof, which is or are either oversize or  
900 overweight, or both, and being operated or traveling under a permit  
901 issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-  
902 270. A yellow or amber light or lights, including flashing yellow or  
903 amber lights, may be used without obtaining a permit from the  
904 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on wreckers registered pursuant to  
905 section 14-66, or on vehicles of carriers in rural mail delivery service.

906 (g) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue a permit for a  
907 white light or lights, including flashing white lights, which may be  
908 used on a motor vehicle or equipment as specified in subdivision (1),  
909 (2), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (e) of this section. A vehicle being  
910 operated by a member of a volunteer fire department or company or a  
911 volunteer emergency medical technician may use flashing white head  
912 lamps, provided such member or emergency medical technician is on  
913 the way to the scene of a fire or medical emergency and has received  
914 written authorization from the chief law enforcement officer of the  
915 municipality to use such head lamps. Such head lamps shall only be  
916 used within the municipality granting such authorization or from a  
917 personal residence or place of employment, if located in an adjoining  
918 municipality. Such authorization may be revoked for use of such head

919 lamps in violation of this subdivision. For the purposes of this  
920 subsection, the term "flashing white lights" shall not include the  
921 simultaneous flashing of head lamps.

922 (h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as  
923 defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, to use a blue, red, yellow, or  
924 white light or lights, including flashing lights or any combination  
925 thereof.

926 (i) The commissioner may issue a permit for ambulances, as defined  
927 in section 19a-175, which may, in addition to the flashing lights  
928 allowed in subsection (h) of this section, use flashing lights of other  
929 colors specified by federal requirements for the manufacture of an  
930 ambulance. If the commissioner issues a permit for any ambulance,  
931 such permit shall be issued at the time of registration and upon each  
932 renewal of such registration.

933 (j) Use of colored and flashing lights except as authorized by this  
934 section shall be an infraction.

935 Sec. 20. Subsection (f) of section 14-112 of the general statutes is  
936 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
937 *1, 2015*):

938 (f) Any operator or any registrant whose operator's license or  
939 certificate of registration has been suspended as herein provided or  
940 whose policy of liability insurance or surety bond has been cancelled  
941 or who fails to furnish additional evidence of financial responsibility  
942 upon request of the commissioner, shall immediately return to the  
943 commissioner [his operator's license or] such operator's certificate of  
944 registration and the number plate or plates issued thereunder. [If any  
945 person fails to return to the commissioner the operator's license or  
946 certificate of registration and the number plate or plates issued  
947 thereunder as provided herein, the commissioner shall forthwith direct  
948 any motor vehicle inspector, state policeman or other police officer to  
949 secure possession thereof and to return the same to the office of the

950 commissioner.] Failure to return such [operator's license or such]  
951 certificate and such number plate or plates shall be an infraction.

952 Sec. 21. Section 14-178 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
953 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

954 (a) If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed or  
955 becomes illegible, the first lienholder or, if none, the owner or legal  
956 representative of the owner named in the certificate, as shown by the  
957 records of the commissioner, shall promptly make application for and  
958 may obtain a replacement upon furnishing information, including  
959 personal identification acceptable and satisfactory to the  
960 commissioner. The replacement certificate of title shall contain the  
961 legend "This is a replacement [certificate] title and may be subject to  
962 the rights of a person under the original certificate." Except as  
963 provided in subsection (b) of section 14-175, the commissioner shall  
964 present or mail the replacement certificate to the first lienholder named  
965 in the replacement certificate or, if none, to the owner.

966 [(b) The commissioner shall not issue a new certificate of title to a  
967 transferee upon application made on a replacement until fifteen days  
968 after receipt of the application.]

969 [(c)] (b) A person recovering an original certificate of title for which  
970 a replacement has been issued shall promptly surrender the original  
971 certificate to the commissioner.

972 Sec. 22. Section 14-293b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
973 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

974 (a) [The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in  
975 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 specifying the  
976 responsibilities of an operator of a vehicle when] When an operator of  
977 a motor vehicle is approaching a person riding a horse on a public  
978 highway, [which responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to,  
979 the obligation to] such operator shall reduce speed appropriately or  
980 [to] stop, if necessary, to avoid endangering the equestrian or

981 frightening or striking the horse.

982     **(b) No operator of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of an equestrian**  
983 **and horse may blow a horn or cause loud or unusual noises, in a**  
984 **manner to startle or frighten the horse.**

985     **(c) A statement concerning such responsibilities shall be [printed in**  
986 **the] included in the agency's instruction manual for motor vehicle**  
987 **operation. [at the time of the next revision of such manual.]**

988     Sec. 23. Section 14-300g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
989 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

990     (a) The traffic authority of any city, town or borough is authorized  
991 to permit the operation of golf carts, during daylight hours only, on  
992 any street or highway within the limits of, and under the jurisdiction  
993 of, such traffic authority, provided: (1) Each such golf cart shall be  
994 equipped with an operable horn in accordance with the requirements  
995 of subsection (e) of section 14-80; (2) each such golf cart shall be  
996 equipped with a flag that is positioned to assist operators of motor  
997 vehicles in observing the location and operation of such golf cart; (3)  
998 no such authorization shall be granted for operation on any street or  
999 highway the posted speed limit of which is more than twenty-five  
1000 miles per hour; and (4) the operator of any such golf cart shall carry a  
1001 valid [Connecticut] motor vehicle operator's license while operating  
1002 such golf cart. Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of any  
1003 provision of this subsection, any insurance requirement established in  
1004 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, or any other conditions  
1005 or limitations established by the traffic authority for the operation of  
1006 golf carts shall have committed an infraction.

1007     (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish, by  
1008 regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
1009 insurance requirements for the operation of golf carts in accordance  
1010 with subsection (a) of this section.

1011     Sec. 24. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Commissioner of Motor



Vehicles shall conduct a review of the department's issuance of limited operator's licenses pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general statutes. Such review shall include, but need not be limited to, consideration of the criteria used by the department to issue or renew limited licenses, compilation of data regarding the driving records of persons with limited licenses, and consideration of whether the limitations imposed ensure the safety of the public, while recognizing the needs of the limited license holders.

(b) Not later than February 1, 2016, the commissioner shall report on the results of the review required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such report shall provide information about the issuance of limited licenses, data on driving records of holders of limited licenses, and recommendations, if any, for administrative or legislative changes to the process of issuing limited licenses.

Sec. 25. Sections 14-154a and 14-211a of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2015*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-11b(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-15(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-36a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-36d
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44c
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44e(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44e(h)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-44g(d)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-46b
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-46c
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-46e
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-47(a)

Sec. 14	July 1, 2015	14-50a(a)(9)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2015	14-52(b)(5)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2015	14-58(c)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2015	14-61(a)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2015	14-96p
Sec. 19	July 1, 2015	14-96q
Sec. 20	July 1, 2015	14-112(f)
Sec. 21	July 1, 2015	14-178
Sec. 22	July 1, 2015	14-293b
Sec. 23	July 1, 2015	14-300g
Sec. 24	July 1, 2015	New section
Sec. 25	July 1, 2015	Repealer section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 3(a) the phrase ", except that no such designation shall be required for the operation on an autocycle" was removed as unnecessary for this bill.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*